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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - U.S. ASEAN POLICY AND NORTH
KOREA-MYANMAR RELATIONS

[1](#)1. LEAD STORIES: Front-page items on Thursday morning included yesterday's total solar eclipse visible from some of Japan's southern islands and a draft DPJ policy manifesto for the August 30 general election.

[1](#)2. "U.S. Policy of Attaching Importance to Southeast Asia Becoming More Pronounced" The business-oriented Nikkei wrote (7/23): "The Obama administration has clearly demonstrated its policy of attaching importance to Southeast Asia. In the face of China's growing presence, the Obama administration is aiming to maintain its influence in the region by reviewing U.S. relations with ASEAN, which became distant under the former Bush administration. The U.S. also appears to be looking at the creation of a coalition of nations encircling North Korea in order to head off a nuclear and missile crisis by courting friendly nations in Southeast Asia."

[1](#)3. "U.S. Concerned about Transfer of Nuclear Technology to Myanmar" The liberal Tokyo Shimbun stated in a correspondent's report from Phuket, Thailand (7/23): "Secretary of State Clinton expressed strong concern about military cooperation between North Korea and Myanmar by saying in a press conference that the U.S. is concerned that high-tech weapons and nuclear technology might be transferred from North Korea to Myanmar. The 'rapprochement' of the two internationally-isolated countries in order to maintain their respective power systems is likely to become a new point of concern in the creation of a security system in Asia."

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